

Abstract Of The Disclosure

An internal combustion engine operates with a fuel system, in which a fuel quantity arriving in a combustion chamber is a function of a triggering of a piezo actuator of a fuel injector. The triggering energy for the piezo actuator is made available by a
5 buffer store. To permit monitoring of the triggering function, it is proposed that at least intermittently, the potential difference of the buffer store resulting in response to a triggering of the piezo actuator be at least approximately ascertained and used for a comparison to at least one limiting value.